

WI-568
Leroy W. Wimbrow House
Salisbury
Private

1905

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In 1922 the Wimbrows took out a mortgage on the property with the Exchange & Savings Bank of Berlin. Five years later, in February 1927, the property was taken by the bank and transferred a few months later to Minnie B. and Frances P. Hopkins, tenants in common. The property remained in the name of Frances P. Hopkins until 1989.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-568

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic

Leroy W. Wimbrow House

other

2. Location

street and number

715 North Division Street

not for publication

city, town

Salisbury

vicinity

county

Wicomico

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

Jeffrey M. and Lisa A. Lang

street and number

715 North Division Street

telephone

city, town

Salisbury

state

MD

zip code

21801

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Wicomico County Clerk of Court

liber 1182

folio 771

city, town

Salisbury

tax map 104

tax parcel 588

tax ID number 05-011213

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category

- ☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

- ☐ public
☒ private
☐ both

Current Function

- ☐ agriculture
☐ commerce/trade
☐ defense
☒ domestic
☐ education
☐ funerary
☐ government
☐ health care
☐ industry
☐ landscape
☐ recreation/culture
☐ religion
☐ social
☐ transportation
☐ work in progress
☐ unknown
☐ vacant/not in use
☐ other: _____

Resource Count

Contributing

1

Noncontributing

- ☐ buildings
☐ sites
☐ structures
☐ objects
Total

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Leroy W. Wimbrow house, also known historically as the Wimbrow-Hopkins house, stands at 715 North Division Street in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, Queen Anne frame dwelling is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of North Division Street and Philadelphia Avenue, and the house faces west.

Built in 1905, the two-and-a-half story, irregular plan frame dwelling is supported on a raised brick foundation of brownish pressed brick, and the exterior is clad with dark tan vinyl siding. The steeply pitched hip roof is extended with a round tower off the southwest corner and gable roofed wings in other directions. The various roof slopes are covered with asphalt shingles.

The west (main) façade is an asymmetrical elevation with a center entrance and flanking single-pane sash windows. The paneled front door is topped by a colored glass transom. The first floor is sheltered by a Tuscan columned wraparound porch. The porch columns are half sized lengths resting on a raised brick porch knee wall. Distinctive to the ground level of the foundation are a series of small round arched openings. The southeast corner tower is circular in shape with single-pane sash windows on each floor. The tower is topped by a bell-shaped roof. Centered over the entrance bay is a cross gable sheathed with fishscale shingles.

The north elevation is dominated by a gable-front pavilion marked by single-pane sash windows on each floor. An interior end brick stack pierces the roofline and is finished with a corbelled cap. The wraparound porch partially shelters the north side of the main block and protects a partially glazed side door.

Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, one-bay by one-bay service wing. The service wing is lighted by single-pane sash windows.

The south side of the house is finished in a similar manner to the rest of the structure with a gable-front elevation extending from the main hip roof. The wraparound porch encircles the round tower.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1905

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, FMS 8/376, 7 March 1892.

² Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 39/377, 11 March 1904.

³ *Salisbury Advertiser*, 26 March 1904, "Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wimbrow and daughter of Whaleyville, were guests of Mrs. S. A. Murrell, Friday."

⁴ *Salisbury Advertiser*, 11 May 1905.

⁵ Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 125/399, 28 January 1922.

⁶ Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 148/539, 28 May 1927.

⁷ Wicomico County Land Record, 1182/771, 8 June 1989.

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Leroy W. Wimbrow House
715 North Division Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland

Map 104, Parcel 588

1182/771

Henrietta H. Hardesty, Personal Representative of the
Estate of Francis P. Hopkins

to

6/8/1989

Jeffrey M. Lang
Lisa A. Lang
Lots No. 6 and 7 as laid down on a plat made by P. S. Shockley,
9/26/1899, JTT 29/159

IDT 180/210

John T. Hopkins
Minnie B. Hopkins

to

9/11/1933

Francis P. Hopkins
\$6,500

JCK 148/539

Exchange and Savings Bank of Berlin, Maryland

to

5/28/1927

Minnie B. Hopkins
Francis P. Hopkins, tenants in common

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L. Atwood Bennett, attorney

to

2/9/1927

Exchange and Savings Bank
Mortgage from Rachel Louise Wimbrow and Leroy W. Wimbrow to the
Exchange and Savings Bank, 1/28/1922, JCK 125/399

EAT 39/377

Thomas H. Mitchell
Sallie M. Mitchell

to

3/11/1904

Rachel Louise Wimbrow
\$250 fronts on Division Street, 88 feet 8 inches

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Salisbury Advertiser, various issues, microfilm at the Wicomico County Free Library.
Sanborn Insurance Maps, 1904 and 1911, microfilm at the Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History & Culture.
Salisbury City Directory, 1907, transcribed and printed by Family Tree Bookshop, 1998.
Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1/4 acre
Acreage of historical setting 1/4 acre
Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	10/30/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

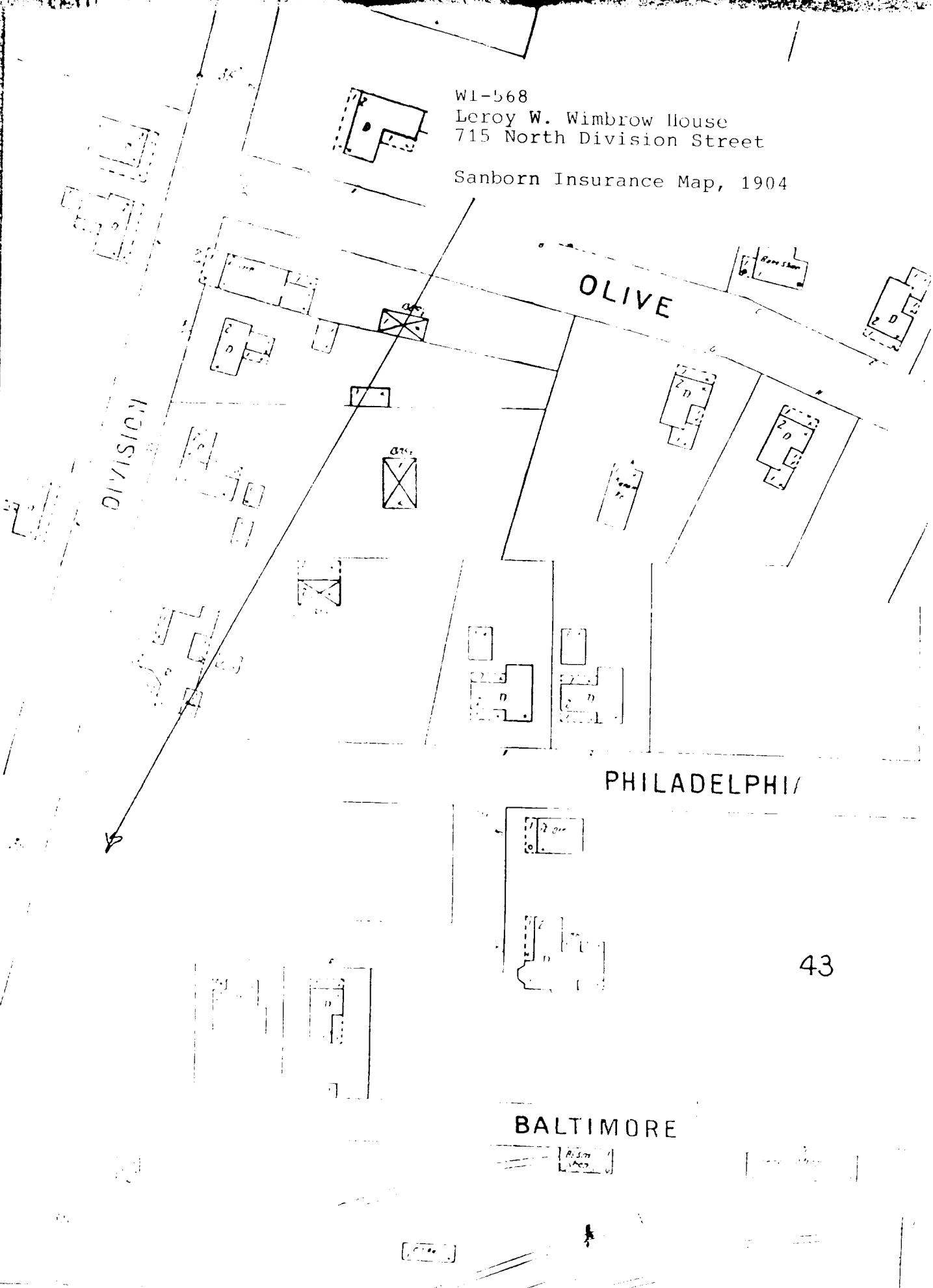
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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1904

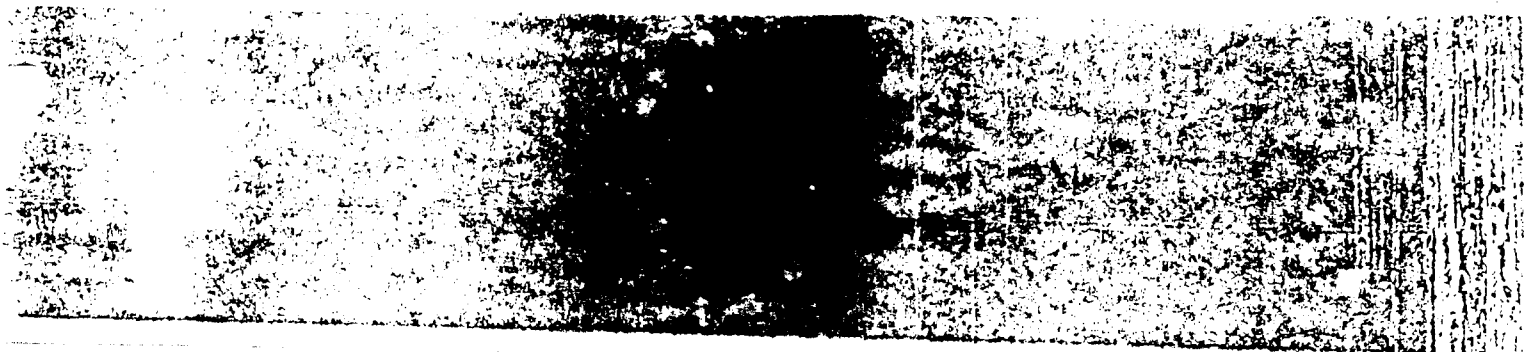
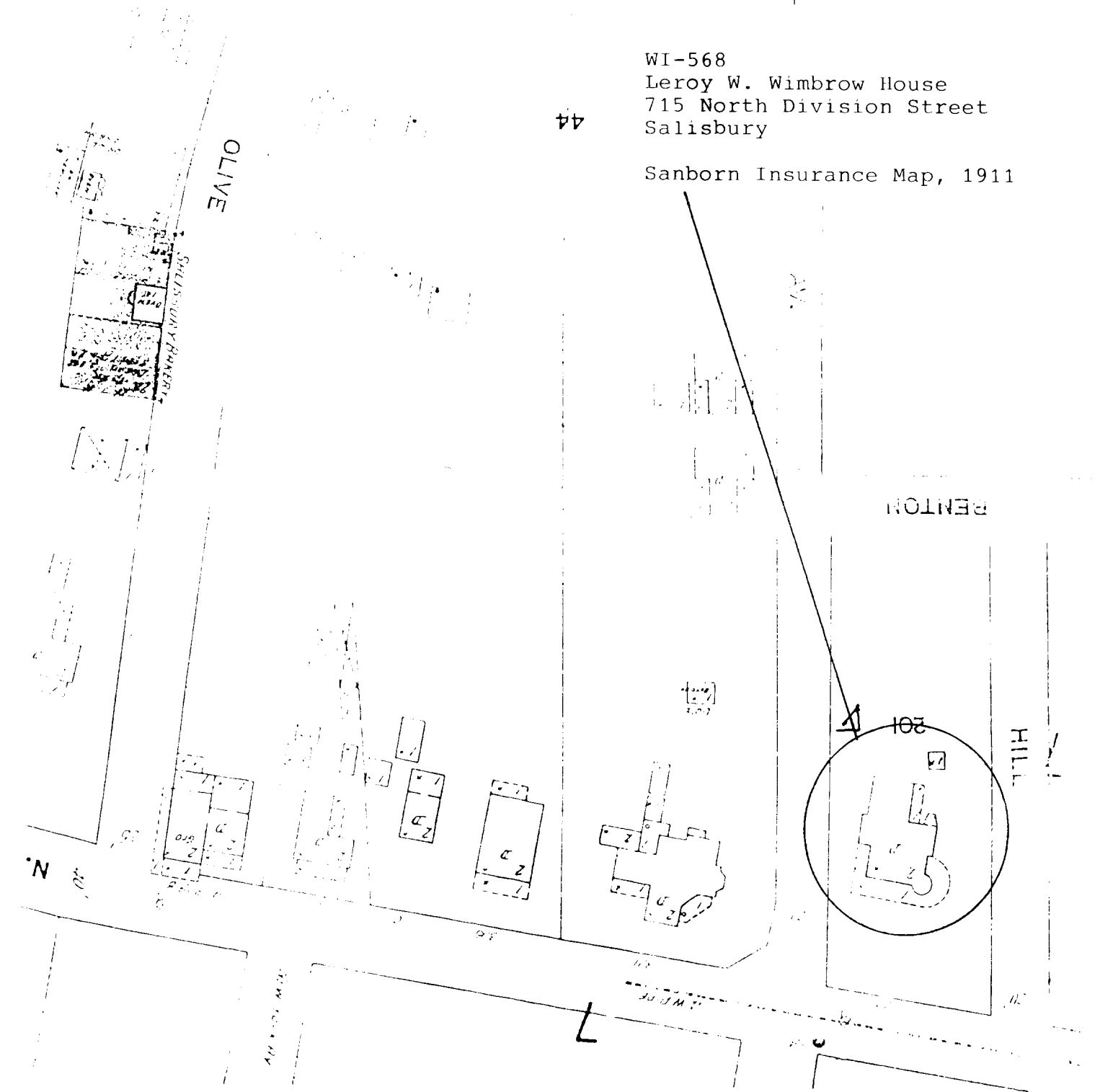


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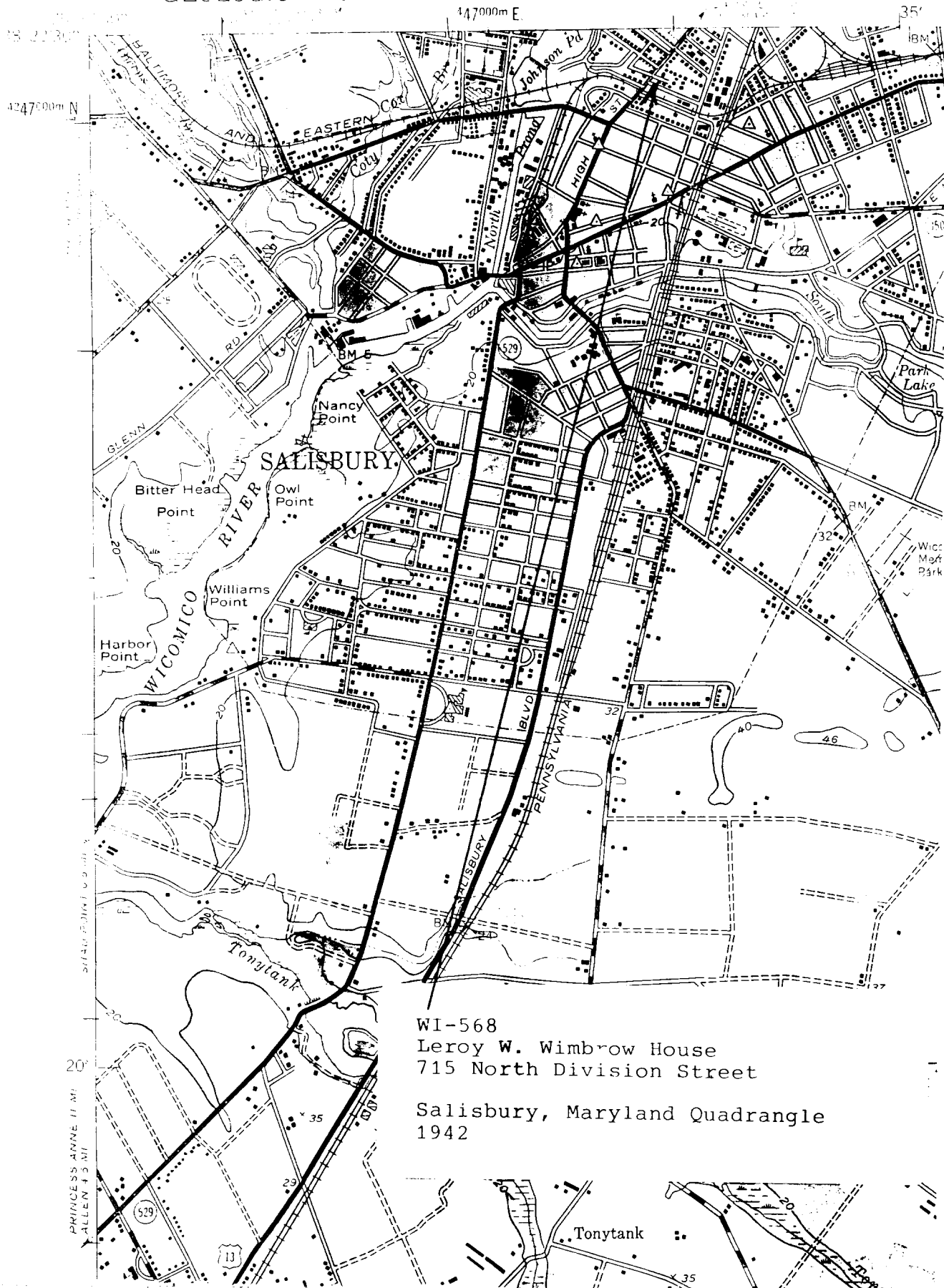
Leroy W. Wimbrow House
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Salisbury

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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1911



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LEROY W. WIMBROW HOUSE
SALISBURY, WICOMICO CO., MD.
NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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LEROY W. WIMBROW HOUSE
SALISBURY, WILMINGTON CO, MD.
WEST ELEVATION .

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